नदी प्रदूषण के कारणों के बारे में जागरूकता पैदा करने और स्नान तथा शवदहन को विनियमित करने के लिए सार्वजनिक संस्थाओं को शामिल किया गया है जिससे गंगा कार्य कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन में मदद मिली है।

Setting up of regional centre of UGC in Gujarat

597. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken for setting up of a regional centre of University Grants Commission in Gujarat;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when such a Centre is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission has already set up its Western Regional Office at Pune on the basis of the recommendations made by an Empowered Committee of UGC in this behalf.

(c) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Penicillin by Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.

598. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture of Penicillin by Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. has registered a sharp decline; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL), had, during the period from 1.4.95 to 8.10.95, produced 339.85 MMU (megal million unit) of Penicillin-G. There had been severe failures of power supply in April, May and July, 1995 resulting in loss of production of about 31 MMU. But for the power failures, the production would have been more.

The Penicillin-G operations are now with a joint venture company promoted by HAL and MAX-GB Ltd. with the objective of technological upgradation. For the period from 9.10.95 to 31.3.96, the production of Pen. G was 259.90 MMU as against 444.98 MMU of the corresponding period of 1994-95. The shortfall in the production of Pen. Gduring the period October, 1995 to March, 1996 is because of the modifications being made and training of personnel for absorption of the new technology.

Beautification of Nagpur Railway Station

599. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an impressive plan to develop and beautify Nagpur Railway Station was inaugurated by the then Railway Minister of State six months ago;

(b) if so, what is the reason for the tardy progress in this regard;

(c) the amount of money that has been allocated for this work, and the amount that has been spent and how much is likely to be spent this year; and

(d) by when the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The work of improvement to amenities at Nagpur railway station comprising widening of platform, provision of additional retiring rooms, relocating of clock room and refreshment facilities, provision of escalators, extension of platform shelters, augmentation of toilet facilities enlargement & improvement of circulating area etc. has been sanctioned in January, 1996 at an estimated cost of Rs. 335.50 Lakh. A combined allocation of Rs. 214.61 lakh has been proposed for augmentation of passenger amenities at Nagpur and Dadar Stations during 1996-97. Execution of this work will start shortly after completion of requisite formalities and will take about two years to complete depending upon the availability of funds.